

Meeting Summary
Loudoun County Housing Advisory Board (HAB)
June 3, 2009

Members Present: Michelle Krockner, Chair; Tamar Datan, Vice-Chair; Al Smuzynski, Dave Boyd, James Anders, Bill Jones, Michael Capretti, Steve Wilson, Fr. Art Johnson, Russ Gestl, Debbie Piland.

Staff Present: Bob Chirles, Director; Sarah Coyle Etro, Assistant Director; Beth Hilkemeyer, Research Manager, Research Unit, Department of Management and Financial Services; Jack Brown, County Economist, Research Unit, Department of Management Services.

Guest: Dan Fulton, President, Fulton Research, and Consulting

The April 1, 2009 meeting summary was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation on Regional and County Housing Market

Fulton Presentation: Dan Fulton presented information regarding residential market trends and the key factors affecting the Washington – Baltimore Real Estate markets. Topics included the requirement for building green, the uniqueness of Loudoun, and the significance of home buyers specifying their need to live in close proximity of amenities.

Department of Financial Services: Beth Hilkemeyer presented information regarding permit levels in the County and changes in the make-up of Loudoun County. Ms. Hilkemeyer also reported that the Loudoun County Annual Growth Summary is on the County website. Jack Brown discussed the foreclosure situation in Loudoun. Mr. Brown stated that the trend appears to be lessening; there has not been a significant pricing trend and the concern that foreclosures can still be volatile from month to month.

HAB PROCESS DISCUSSION

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Joint Trust Fund: The Committees continues to review the applications.

Education and Workforce: No report.

Executive/Nomination Committee: Tamar updated the HAB regarding a decision to write a report based on policies to support changes to land use in Rt. 28 Keynote. This area appears to be the only highly visible location for higher density housing. This issue will be a part of the quarterly report to the BOS. The focus on the next quarterly report will begin with the July Executive/Nominations Committee Meeting. The HAB was updated regarding Melissa Bondi and her withdrawal from consideration to fill the HAB vacancy. The Executive/Nominations Committee will interview the remaining four interested candidates at the July meeting. Members of the HAB discussed attending BOS Public Input Sessions in July to present the HAB's letter regarding the Consolidated Plan and to present the Beltway Burden Report.

Policy/Implementation Committee: The work-plan for Article 7 changes will be presented to Public Safety/Human Services July 22, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 5, 2009.